



PARKROSE CHURCH PREPARES FOR ANNUAL ASSEMBLY;
BUSINESS, WORKSHOPS, KEYNOTES, ENTERTAINMENT
TO FILL WEEK-END OF MAY 21-22-23

When delegates and visitors to the 20th Annual Assembly of the Central Pacific Conference arrive at Parkrose Community Church, UCC, Portland, on Friday, May 21, all will be in readiness, thanks to the hard work of the Conference Program and Arrangements Committee, chaired by Vice-Moderator Bob Senseney, and the local arrangements committee, chaired by Karen Wich. Many hours of detailed work have been completed to insure that the Assembly runs smoothly and productively. As in previous years, delegates and visitors will be involved in a variety of activities that are a part of this annual event which is intended to "...celebrate the Christian faith and unity of the Conference as a whole, provide general direction to the Executive Board, the Departments and Conference Committees..."

BUSINESS AGENDA INCLUDES ELECTION, NICD GOAL SETTING - At the Business Sessions Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon, delegates will elect new Conference Officers, members of the Executive Board, Departments and Conference Committees, establish the goals for the second phase of the New Initiatives in Church Development, and vote on resolutions and priorities. The Reverend Richard Osburn, Conference Moderator, will preside at the Business Sessions.

EIGHT WORKSHOPS TO BE OFFERED - Program and Arrangement Committee members have limited the number of workshops to be offered this year in an effort to provide for larger gatherings. They have selected eight areas of interest to be explored in the workshop period on Saturday afternoon and have arranged for leadership. The areas of interest and leaders selected include: "The Clown as Minister", The Reverend Cathy Barker, Ione; "The UCC - We're Everywhere", Becky Luther, Hillsboro; "Youth and Drugs", The Reverend Vern Madison, Coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Education and Prevention; "Freedom of Choice - Abortion", Ruth Gundle, Litigation Coordinator, Oregon Legal Services; "Aging - What Churches Should Be Doing", Dr. M.A.F. Ritchie, Forest Grove; "So You Know An Alcoholic?", The Reverend Greg Kammann, Chaplain Recovery Unit, Alcoholism Treatment Center, Portland; "Fellowship of Reconciliation", Nora Hallett, Director of Oregon F.O.R.; "Operation Positive", The Reverend Cy Eberhart, Salem.

SEVETSON, BARR TO SPEAK - Conference Minister Don Sevetsen will provide the first major address of the Assembly on Friday afternoon when he reports on the state of the Conference. On Friday evening and Saturday morning, Dr. Browne Barr, San Francisco Theological Seminary, will deliver his two addresses. On Sunday morning he will enter into conversation with Assembly participants.

BETHEL CHURCH CHOIR TO PROVIDE SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT - On Saturday evening, members of the Bethel Congregational Church Choir will entertain the Assembly participants with a production of the musical, "For Heaven's Sake". Detailed information about the Assembly and delegate registration forms have been sent to Conference churches.

YOUTH SELECTION UNDERWAY FOR W.R.Y.E.

The Youth Cabinet has finished receiving applications for the Western Region Youth Event and the process of choosing the 30 youth and 6 adults is underway. Those chosen will be notified during the first week of May. The Western Region Youth Event will be held June 21-25 at Pilgrim Pines Camp in Southern California. It will bring youth from the Hawaii, Washington-North Idaho, Central Pacific, Northern and Southern California and Southwest Conferences together for a week of workshops centered on the theme, "Building Bridges with Ourselves, Community and the World". Among the keynoters for the event is Don Eaton of Central Pacific who will be speaking on "Building Bridges with Ourselves".

Cost for the Central Pacific Conference delegation will be borne by the Conference, the local churches from which the delegates are drawn and by the delegates themselves. The Youth Cabinet will be seeking to raise additional funds for the delegation by selling UCC pendants at the Annual Assembly. Persons in the Conference who would like to help defray the costs for the CPC delegation are invited to send a check to the Youth Cabinet, Central Pacific Conference UCC, 0245 S.W. Bancroft St., Portland, Or. 97201.

CHURCH GROWTH FOLLOW-UP EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR BOISE, AMERICAN FALLS

Alan Johnson, Secretary for Evangelism, Board for Homeland Ministries, will be featured speaker at two church growth events to be offered to the churches of Idaho. The first event will be held at Boise Pilgrimage, Sunday, May 2, 4 to 8 p.m. The American Falls UCC will host the second event, Monday, May 3, 6 to 9:30 p.m. These events are follow-up activities utilizing the experience and findings of the pilot project involving 18 Conference churches. Similar follow-up events are also in the works for other Oregon and Washington churches.

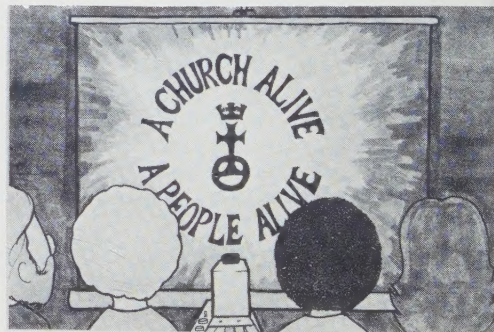
The Idaho events will focus on the theology of evangelism and on the new BHM resource, "Evangelism and Membership Growth". It is hoped that out of each event a commitment from each of the churches will be made indicating that the church will make church growth a priority of the congregation. An Idaho church growth steering committee will be drawn from the churches participating. The Rev. William Arthur, Nampa, will serve as convenor of the steering committee.

ONE WAY TO GIVE THANKS DURING CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

Many congregations in the United Church of Christ will be celebrating Christian Family Week this month, May 2-9.

One way families may want to observe this week would be by focusing extra attention on the Family Thank Offering. This offering, which provides opportunities for gifts of gratitude and love from the church family, is often collected by families throughout the year. The offering is then received at an in-gathering service at the church, usually in the Fall.

The three programs to be supported through this year's Family Thank Offering are "Leadership Development for Seminarians on the Church's Role in Society", "A Future for the World's Disabled Persons", and "Employment and Leadership Opportunities in the UCC for Women and Persons of Color".



Telling the story of the 25th Anniversary of the UCC. Filmstrip with cassette is available for scheduling through the Conference Office.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

A conference on the use of computers and cable television by community organizations will be presented by the Center for Urban Education (CUE) on Friday evening and Saturday, May 7-8 at Lincoln High School in Portland.

Additional information on the conference can be obtained by contacting the Center for Urban Education, 0245 S.W. Bancroft, Portland 97201. 503-221-0984.

The Local Scene

el Congregational Church, Beaverton, has blue and 29 black choir robes available out charge except cost of shipping. Robes d use dry cleaning.

ratulations to Mary Maxwell, Waverly hts, who was honored as federal employee he year for the U.S. Veterans Hospitals in land and Vancouver.

Reverend Doug Smyth, Forest Grove UCC ciate Minister, has played a key role in ing five Forest Grove churches together provide campus ministry to Pacific Univer-. The churches will support a college-age stian Coffee House in the Fellowship Room he UCC church which is across the street n the Pacific campus.

ngles Task Force has been organized at t Congregational Church, Boise, in response he call from the Conference Singles Min- y Task Force urging churches to program for s segment of our society. The Boise program d provide programmed activities for singles n month.

gratulations to Dr. Lon Rycraft on his ordi- on to Christian Ministry. The ordination vice occurred on March 28 at First Congre- tional Church, Corvallis.

Reverend Brad Blunt was installed as Pastor Riverside Church, Hood River, in a service April 18. Brad's father was the preacher the occasion.

lsdale Community Church, Portland, will erve a celebration of the Arts on May 15-16. estivities will commence on Saturday with enaissance Fair featuring 30 craft booths. day afternoon members of the church will be tured in an art exhibit. Members of the lsdale Choir, directed by Lee Garrett, will rform the Bach Cantata Number 106. UCC mem- s in the Portland area are cordially invited share in this event.

ristian Sympathy is expressed to the Reverend orge Schubert at the passing of his wife, evieue Wallin Schubert. Mrs. Schubert died ch 8 at Battle Ground, Washington. The huberts served the Scappoose congregation ore Mr. Schubert's retirement in 1970.

PILGRIM COVE PROJECTS TARGETED

The Pilgrim Cove Foundation, led by President Alan Creech of Nampa, is busy planning for the 1982 camping season.

Restoration of the historic Ye Rice Meeting House will at last be completed this Summer. Two major improvements are underway and will be completed before the Conference camps begin in July: new tables for the dining hall and a new shower and toilet facility near the upper level cabins.

Jim and Mildred Foster will return this Summer as Camp Managers, as will Waterfront Director Bill Puderbaugh of Enterprise.

The Foundation is seeking any records or pictures of Pilgrim Cove which individuals or churches may have, in order to create a permanent historical file of the camp. Any materials should be sent to Camp Historian Jean Caulkins, c/o Wright Community Church, 4821 Franklin Rd., Boise, Id. 83705.

An excellent 45-minute slide show of Pilgrim Cove is available to churches through Jim Foster of Wright Church, Boise. The slides, depict the beautiful setting and the myriad of activities to be experienced at Pilgrim Cove. An accompanying cassette tape provides narra- tion for the program.

WOMEN IN IDAHO HAIL LEGISLATIVE VICTORY

In early October 1981, under the leadership of Church Women United, a coalition was formed with 15 women's groups to consider legislation that would provide aid to victims of domestic violence. On March 24, 1982, Gov. Evans signed into law HB 690. The new law will add a sur- charge of \$15.00 to Idaho marriage license. The monies generated will supplement private dona- tions to enable communities to provide temporary safe housing and a 24-hour crisis telephone service to victims of domestic violence and their children.

For every member on the committee it was an education in the political process.

MAKING FAMILY PLANS FOR SUMMER?

Don't forget to include Summer Camp! Check the schedule poster at your church for camps and dates.

The Last Word



1957 was a year of beginnings. Internationally, it was the birth of the Space Age, with the successful launching of Sputnik into orbit by the Soviet Union. That event brought about a revolution in American education. Another revolution in American education began in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957, with the integration of Central High School. With that, the "race crisis" moved into high gear.

Historians of American religion noted some years ago that 1957 was the year that the post-World War II "revival of interest in religion" hit its high water mark. Church membership and church attendance, as a percentage of the population, has never been higher than it was in 1957. There are numerous theories about why there was a revival, and about why it "peaked" in 1957, but most seem to suggest that religion didn't turn out to have all of the simple answers that it had appeared to. Some of the searchers gave up, or began to look elsewhere.

1957, then, was a transitional year. It marked the end of the postwar era, and a turning toward unfinished business. The difficult challenges of the future began to loom larger than the successful victories of the past.

It was at this moment of change that a new denomination was born. The United Church of Christ came into being on June 25, 1957, at the Uniting General Synod in Cleveland, Ohio. Bringing together a significant variety of forms of government, ethnic traditions, and theological perspectives, the UCC is America's most significant product of the twentieth century movement toward church union.

We picked a rough time to get started. The shakedown cruise, sailing in the turbulent seas of a divided world and a society in crisis, has not been easy. But we made it, and we have continued to be the kind of church we started out to be, a church committed to respond to the challenges of the future, not tied to the forms of the past.

This is our Anniversary Year. It's a time to celebrate, because there is much to celebrate. This young denomination, composed of individuals with widely divergent understandings of faith, mission, and church, has found a way to live together, and has developed a confident spirit as it struggles to respond to God's call.

As we celebrate, let's not be totally wrapped up in the events of twenty-five years ago. The fellowship of ours was called into being because of God's claim upon our todays and tomorrow. On this anniversary, we can be grateful to those whose vision and determination brought our new church into being, and to our Creator whose power and grace enabled us to safely negotiate these early years. True faithfulness to this heritage, however, will consist in using this anniversary to focus on what we are called to be, to do, and to stand for in the days and years ahead. That's why we were called into being. That's what it means to be a vibrant, faithful church.

- Donald J. Severson



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